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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were filed on January 4, 2007 and July 14, 2005, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Supplementary European Search Report dated July 17, 2008 with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. 04771605.5, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) EP 1050887 A, together with patent family member US 6,606,707; and
- (2) EP 0973136 A, together with patent family member US 6,792,541.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the European claims by the European Examiner, is set forth in the Supplementary European Search Report.

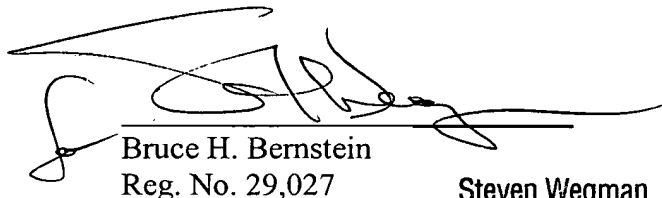
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. A copy of the Supplementary European Search Report and English language translation thereof is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Non-Final Office Action on the merits, but before the issuance of a Final Office Action on the merits. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicants hereby certify that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from an foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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